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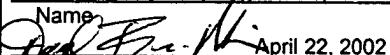
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Dear Sir:

Before examining the above-referenced application, please enter the following
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-10, 12-21, 23-26, and 36-43 without prejudice.

Please replace the text of claim 7 with the following text:

7. (Amended) A deposition system for depositing silica particles onto a
workpiece comprising:

(a) a deposition chamber comprising a plurality of components for
depositing the particles on the workpiece, an inner skin for substantially enclosing
the plurality of components and the workpiece, and an outer skin at least partially

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